

THE 19  
PROPOSALLS

DELIVERED TO THE  
Earl of *Nottingham*, and the rest  
of the Commissioners of *Parliament*, resi-  
ding with the Army, from his Excellency

Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and the Army. Resolved

upon at a Generall Councell of Warre

held at Reading July 17.

1647.

With a Message sent by the Lord *Wharton* to the  
Parliament: And a Letter to the Lord Mayor,  
Aldermen, and Common Councell, concerning the  
Disposall of the *Militia* of *London* into  
the former hands.

*Gen. Bate - Army - Councell*

By the appointment of his *Excel.* Sir  
*Thomas Fairfax*, and the Councell of Warre.

Signed

*John Rushworth* Secre.

L O N D O N;

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1647.



These 1<sup>st</sup> verall ensuing particulars,  
being considered, debated, and resolved upon  
at a Generall Councell of Warre ( his Excel-  
lency being present ) wee the Commissioners  
of the Army were appointed ( in the name  
and behalfe of them ) to present the same to your  
Lordships, and the Commissioners to be ten-  
dred with all speed to the Parliament;  
*which wee accordingly offer and desire your  
speedy care therein ; That so an Answer  
( according to the desire and expecta-  
tion of the Army ) may be speedily  
returned to these Particulars.*



1. **T**hat there be an effectuall Decla-  
ration forthwith published to  
the whole Kingdome, against  
the inviting, bringing or com-  
ing in of any forraine Forces,  
under any pretence whatsoever.

2. That the Army may be paid up equall with  
the Desertors thereof, according to the late Votes  
of Parliament : And that the Army may forth-  
with be put into a constant course of pay, that  
they may not be so burdenfome and oppressive  
to the Countrey ; for the more speedy perform-  
ance whereof ; Wee desire, That the House of  
Peers would be pleased to concurre with the de-  
sires of the House of Commons, ( so often pro-  
posed

posed to them) for the reviving of the Committee for the Army, that so the Assessements and great summes in Arreares, both in the Citie and elsewhere, may be by their endeavour collected for the speedy and necessary supply of the Army: And also, That the Treasurers, and the Committee of Weavers-Hall, may be speedily called to Accompt, in what manner, and by what Warrant the two hundred & thirty thousand pounds, lately intrusted in their hands, have been in so short a time consumed.

3. That the Militia of the City of *London*, and the Committee of the same, may consist of such persons, & speedily be returned into those hands, who formerly during the worst of times, have therein given large Testimonies of their fidelity to the Parliament and Kingdome: which besides the reall security, will be to the Parliament and Kingdome in preventing of dangers reprepating towards a new warre, would conduce so much to the remooving of jealousies, and give such a ground of confidence to the Army, as that wee might the better dispose it to larger Quarters in severall parts, for the ease of the Countrey.

Reading 18. July  
1 6 4 7.

By the Appointment of the Commissioners for the Army.

*William Clarke.*



According to and in pursuance of the particular mentioned under the fifth Head of the Representation of the Army, wee doe earnestly desire :

**T**hat all persons imprisoned in *England*, or Dominion of *Wales*, (not for Delinquency in relation to the late Warre, but for other pretended misdemeanors) and whose imprisonment is not by the Regulated Course of Law, but by Order from either Houses of Parliament, (or of Committees flowing from them) may be put into a speedy Regular and equitable way of tryall, or (if the necessitie of settling the generall affaires of the Kingdome admit not their present tryall) then they may have present liberty (upon reasonable security) for their appearance at a certain day, to answer what shall be charged against them in a legall way. And that when they shall be tryed, if they appeare wrongfully, or unduly imprisoned, they may have reparation according to their sufferings.

In particular, wee desire this may be done in behalfe of Lieutenant Colonell *John Lilbourne*, M<sup>r</sup> *Musgrave*, M<sup>r</sup> *Overton*, and others (in their Condition) imprisoned in and about *London*.

Reading July 18.  
1647.

By the Appointment of his Excellency Sir *Thomas Fairfax*, and his Councill of Warre.

Signed,

*John Rushworth.*

A Letter to the Lord Major, Court of Aldermen,  
and Common-Counsell, of the City of

L O N D O N .

*My Lord and Gentlemen ;*



N the carying on of the great bu-  
sinesſes of the Kingdom towards a  
generall and happy ſettlement, it  
hath been a fixed principle with us  
to make it our firſt endeavour with  
the *Parliament*, that all things which  
threaten an engagement of the King-  
dom in a ſecond Warre, might be removed before  
we could have a confident expectation of a good iſſue;  
upon a Treaty with their Commiſſioners, which  
courſe of ours, although it might have ſome appear-  
ance of delay: yet by men that are zealous of the King-  
domes good (we hope) no endeavour will be judged  
unnecessary, that may ſecure the Kingdom from the  
danger of any new imbroylements.

Wee are now come thus far, that the moſt ma-  
teriall particulars which we have in preparation to  
propoſe, for the generall ſettlement of the affaries of  
the Kingdom, have bin communicated to the *Parlia-  
ments* Commiſſioners; and we hope they are ſatisfied,  
that they containe in them things tending to a generall  
good, and to lay an hopefull Foundation for common  
Right, and Freedom, to the people of this Land for  
future; and for a laſting peace amongſt us. But be-  
fore we can ſecurely intend and without interruption  
apply our ſelves, unto the proceedings and diſpatch  
of the Treaty, there upon wee have delivered into  
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the hands of their Commissioners, the Paper which consists of three particulars, in the last whereof (which is the Militia of the City) you being most immediately concerned, to the end you may see we would aske nothing which relates to you, without giving you a just account thereof, and all possible satisfaction therein; we have also given a Coppy thereof to your Commissioners, to be here with sent unto you. Wee should not desire this, or any thing else of that nature, were wee not perswaded, that what wee desire is seasonable, and for yours and the Kingdomes good and quiet. And wee should willingly have been silent (as to this;) but considering the just jealousies which lye against some persons, now authorized in the exercise of that power amongst you, and those attempts which have bin made by some, who would have engaged your City, to a Warre, had not your Lordships and the Court of Aldermen and Common-Councell, by your wisdom prevented it, by getting those Votes which were passed by the Militia, made *Null*; Wee cannot in a case of this importance but deale freely with you, in desiring your concurrence with ours to the *Parliament*; that the Militia may be changed into those hands, out of which it was taken, of whose care and fidelity to the Publicke, there hath been so long and large experience, as few ages have paralleld. And if the interest wee have so long sought for be still the same, let it not seeme strange that wee desire both of the Parliament and City, that those may be in places of such a Trust, who have given the best prooffe of their courage and constancy in prosecution of the same.

Having thus far declared our selves with all freedom and clearnesse to you, as we do not doubt of your good acceptance

acceptance of our intention therein, so we desire your forwardnesse in a worke so much tending to mutuall confidence; and to prevent the designs of any who would beglad to put obstructions in the way to a happy conclusion, and envie nothing more then the continuance of a right understanding between you and us.

*Reading July 19.*

1647.

By the appointment of his  
*Excell. Sir Thomas Fairfax*  
and the Counsell  
of Warre.

Signed

*Jo: Rushworth Secret.*

*May it please your Lordship;*

**W**EE made a dispatch unto you last night very late, by the Post, and gave you then a generall account of our proceedings.

And after the reading of the Proposals mentioned in that dispatch; had some papers brought unto us, by *Sir Hardres Waller*, and other officers, containing some desires of the Army, in order to their present security: which papers, before they were transcribed, were sent for backe againe.

Wee expect the returne of them this day, and shall thereupon transmit them to your Lordship with all speed.

In the meane time, it was held fit to desire the *Lord Wharton* to come up to you, for your more perfect knowledge in any thing that may relate to our former dispatches, and that nothing may be wanting on our parts in discharge of the trust reposed in us. Who are

*Reading July 19, 1647.*

*Your Lordships humble servants*

NOTTINGHAM

Since the writing of this Letter, these inclosed papers have been brought unto us by some of the Officers of the Army, which we held our duty immediately to send to you. **F I N I S**



